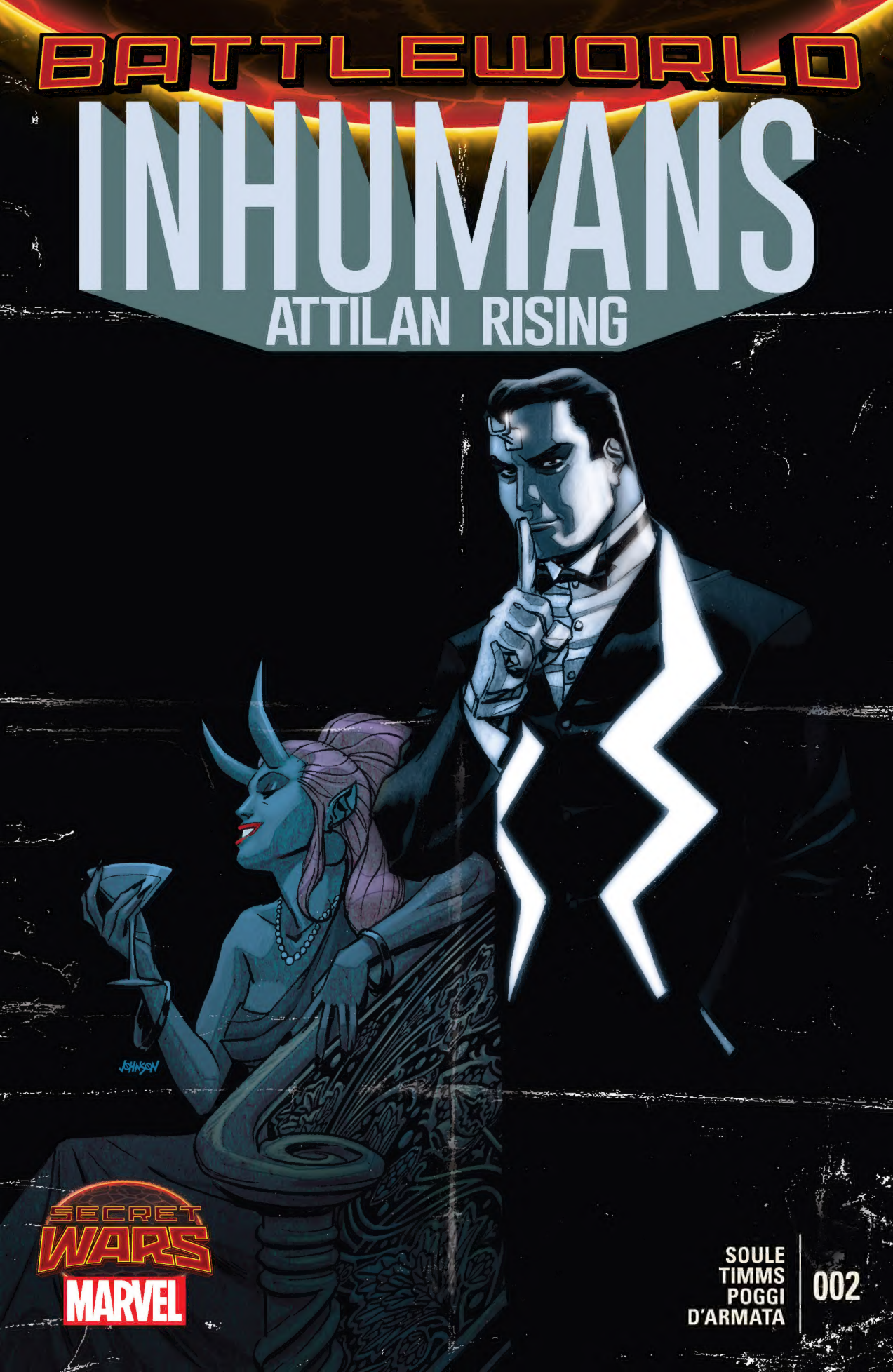
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SECRET WARS

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED! THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE POWERLESS TO SAVE IT! NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS **BATTLEWORLD**, A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM! EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

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ATTILAN RISING

A GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS KNOWN AS *THE VOICE UNHEARD* HAS RISEN UP IN OPPOSITION TO DOOM'S RULE.

ON A RECENT MISSION, ONE OF THEIR NUMBER, THE UNDEAD G-MAN, WAS CAPTURED AND TAKEN TO *QUEEN MEDUSA,* REGENT OF MANHATTAN, TO BE INTERROGATED.

NOW, AURAN, CHIEF OF MEDUSA'S GUARD, IS FOLLOWING UP ON THE ONE LEAD THEY WERE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THE G-MAN BEFORE HE DIED...

A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE REBELLION AND *THE QUIET ROOM.*

◆ PART TWO: THE QUIET ROOM ◆

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THE QUIET ROOM.
WELL, SURPRISE SURPRISE. BLACK BOLT'S CHATTING UP A PRETTY CUSTOMER.
I SWEAR, HE PUTS US TO SHAME, MURDOCH--AND WE'RE IRISH, FOR DOOM'S SAKE!
CAN'T FAULT A MAN FOR ENJOYING THE SOUND OF HIS OWN VOICE, McGEE.
I'M NOT SURE IT'S HIS VOICE HE PLANS TO ENJOY. YOU KNOW WHO HE'S TALKING TO, BY THE WAY? HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN HERE BEFORE.
BLACKAGAR SAID SHE'S AN AGENT OF QUEEN MEDUSA.
WHAT? AND HE LET HER IN?
EASY, FRANK. YOUR HEART JUST WENT ALL AFLUTTER. AND FROM WHAT I CAN SENSE OF THE LASS OVER THERE...
"...I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HEAR IT."
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK MEDUSA SENT ME?
THIS IS MY CLUB. THE MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD COME THROUGH HERE.
THE ONLY WAY TO SURVIVE MY CLIENTELE IS TO KNOW AS MUCH AS I CAN ABOUT THEM.
AND THAT ABSOLUTELY INCLUDES KNOWING WHO'S WORKING FOR WHO. YOU ARE A MEMBER OF MEDUSA'S SPECIAL SECURITY UNIT. AURAN, ISN'T IT?
IT WOULD BE OUR GREAT HONOR TO HOST THE QUEEN ANY TIME SHE WISHES, BUT ANY MEMBER OF HER STAFF IS JUST AS WELCOME.
HERE. LET ME GIVE YOU A TOUR. THE QUIET ROOM IS A FASCINATING PLACE.
YOU KNOW...I'D LOVE THAT. I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT THIS PLACE FOR YEARS.

AND WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD?
THAT THIS IS THE PLACE THAT HOLDS THE WORLD TOGETHER. THIS IS WHERE THE REAL DEALS GET MADE.
OH, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. LORD DOOM HOLDS THE WORLD TOGETHER. BUT PERHAPS WE DO OUR PART, IN SOME SMALL WAY.
"THE DOMAINS MAKE FOR A COMPLEX MIX--SO MANY CULTURES, SO MANY ENMITIES OLD AND NEW.
"THE QUIET ROOM PROVIDES A LESS FORMAL SETTING THAN THE NEGOTIATION TABLES AT DOOMSTADT. WE GUARANTEE ABSOLUTE SAFETY AND COMPLETE DISCRETION.
"EVERYTHING HERE IS SOURCED FROM ACROSS THE DOMAINS.
"TONIGHT'S SPECIAL IS PRE-ROASTED QUAIL FROM THE VALLEY OF FLAME, SEASONED WITH GENETICALLY ENGINEERED SPICES FROM DYSTOPIA.
"SEEMED APPROPRIATE, WITH PETER QUILL ON STAGE. IT'S QUILL AND QUAIL NIGHT."
SOME SAY PATIENCE IS THE HEART OF DIPLOMACY. AND MAYBE SO.
BUT I THINK ONE HELL OF A GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE DOESN'T HURT.
IF YOU CAN AFFORD IT. THIS ISN'T EXACTLY A PLACE FOR EVERYONE.

DOES IT HAVE TO BE? TRAVEL BETWEEN DOMAINS IS INCREDIBLY EXPENSIVE AND DIFFICULT, EVEN WITH THE ELDRAC NETWORK IN PLACE.
OH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME THAT. THE THINGS I'VE LEARNED WHILE I'VE BEEN RUNNING THIS PLACE...
AS IT SHOULD BE. YOU MENTIONED CHAOS--IF THE DOMAINS COULD MIX FREELY IT WOULD BE A THOUSAND TIMES WORSE.
"WHY YOU NEVER SEAT A DELEGATION FROM HIGHER AVALON NEXT TO THE FOLKS FROM THE MONARCHY OF M.
"WHY YOU NEVER LET ANYONE FROM THE WASTELANDS IN.
"AND A THOUSAND OTHER THINGS, BIG AND SMALL.
THE QUIET ROOM
"BUT REALLY, THEY ADD UP TO ONE THING.
"IF YOU COME TO THE QUIET ROOM WITH A MIND TO CAUSE *TROUBLE*..."
...THEN THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL GET.
CLINK

SO THAT'S MY LITTLE PLACE. STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE. ENJOY YOURSELF. ANYTHING YOU NEED IS ON THE HOUSE.
AND PLEASE DO EXTEND THE INVITATION TO MEDUSA TO JOIN US SOME EVENING. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET LORD DOOM'S REGENT IN MANHATTAN.
OF COURSE. THANK YOU FOR THE TOUR.
WELL, *HELLO* THERE.
MY NAME'S *ANTHONY STARK*, OF THE GEARSPHERE STARKS. I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE.

I'M AURAN. FROM NEW ATTILAN.
ENTIRELY CHARMED. MAY I JOIN YOU?
WHAT CAN I GET YOU?
MANHATTAN, NEAT.
DO I KNOW YOU? I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN HERE BEFORE. I THOUGHT I KNEW ALL THE TONYS.
WELL, THERE IT IS. I GO BY ANTHONY. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME IN--I'VE BEEN RATHER BUSY IN MY HOME DOMAIN, BUT I'VE BEEN CALLED UP TO DOOMSTADT TOMORROW.
IF YOU GET TIRED OF THE GENTLEMAN'S COMPANY, AURAN, JUST LET ME KNOW. I DON'T CARE WHICH DOMAIN THEY'RE FROM. STARKS ARE A PERSISTENT BUNCH.
YOU WOUND ME, SIR.
OH, I'LL BE FINE.
HE MADE YOU?
RIGHT AWAY.
THEN IT'S A GOOD THING I'M HERE, ISN'T IT?
JUST GO, KAMALA. TRY TO ACCESS THE LOWER LEVELS. I'M HEARING ACTIVITY DOWN THERE. KEEP ME POSTED ON WHAT YOU FIND. I'LL LISTEN FROM UP HERE AND DISTRACT BLACK BOLT.
YOU DON'T THINK HE'S PART OF THE REBELLION?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE TO FIND OUT, ISN'T IT?
BE CAREFUL. IF THE VOICE UNHEARD IS ACTUALLY HERE, AND THEY CATCH YOU, YOU'RE DEAD--AND SO AM I.

I'M MAKING MY WAY DOWN. SO FAR...
...SO GOOD.

HMM.
JUST A BASEMENT.
CREEEAK
KTCH

ALL GOOD, FRANK?
ALL GOOD. MEDUSA'S AGENT IS SITTING UP AT THE BAR-- BLACK BOLT'S GOT A LID ON HER.
I BET. GO ON IN. THEY'VE ALREADY STARTED.
THIS MISSION WILL BE EXTREMELY CHALLENGING. WE CAN'T TELEPORT DIRECTLY INTO THE WARZONE BECAUSE OF THE INTERFERENCE GRID DOOM MAINTAINS ABOVE IT.
HOWEVER, THERE'S A POINT ON THE BORDER...
...WHERE I SEE A WEAKNESS.
WE CAN BREAK THROUGH WITH A SMALL SQUAD AND DELIVER THE REQUESTED MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THE BLUE.
IF WE SUCCEED, THEY HAVE PLEDGED TO REPAY US WITH SEVERAL SQUADS OF THEIR BEST TROOPS. AND SO, WE MUST SUCCEED.
WE CANNOT DESTROY NEW ATTILAN WITHOUT THEIR HELP. I FEAR--
NEW MARS
LANDING PLACE
THE COVE
KARNAK. STOP.

SSSK
WHAT THE HELL, MURDOCH?
I HAVE EXTREMELY GOOD HEARING. I CAN HEAR HEARTS BEATING... BREATHING...THAT LITTLE CREAK WHEN SOMEONE BLINKS THEIR EYES.
I KNOW THAT, MATT!
HUSH NOW, FLINT.
I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU.

THWAM
IT'S ALL FALLING APART
SHE MUST BE STOPPED!

I'LL GET OUT IF I CAN, BUT LISTEN. THE REBELS ARE HERE. THIS MUST BE THEIR *HEADQUARTERS.*
I KNOW WHAT THEY'RE PLANNING. THEY WANT TO--
AGH!
ENOUGH. SURRENDER.
YOU *WISH.*
IN FACT, ON THE AUTHORITY OF QUEEN MEDUSA AND NEW ATTILAN...

...YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST!
EVENTUALLY!
GREAT.

I'M COMING, KAMALA...
NO.
DON'T.
SZZZAG!
NNNNNGH!

THANK YOU, MEGA-RAD.
ANYTIME, BOSS.
NO REASON TO BE ALARMED, MY FRIENDS. OUR SECURITY TEAM HAS EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL.
THE YOUNG LADY HERE SIMPLY BROKE ONE OF OUR MOST FUNDAMENTAL RULES--NO SHAPE-SHIFTING IN THE QUIET ROOM.
HERE, WE LAY OUR CARDS ON THE TABLE. WE ARE WHO WE ARE.
PLEASE. RETURN TO YOUR EVENINGS. NEXT ROUND'S ON ME.
WHO IS SHE?
DON'T KNOW YET. WE'LL FIND OUT. BUT SHE SAID SHE WAS CONNECTED TO NEW ATTILAN.
HNH.

FASTER! WE HAVE NO TIME!
THE EVACUATION PLAN PROCEEDS APACE, BLACK BOLT. WE SHOULD BE COMPLETELY GONE IN AN HOUR.
ACH, EVACUATION SOUNDS A BIT COWARDLY, NO? WHEN I TURN THIS STORY INTO A SONG, I'LL ADD IN SOME VILLAINOUS THUGS--MAKE IT MORE OF A LAST-STAND SITUATION, IF YOU GET ME.
I NEED TO TAKE A FEW PEOPLE FROM YOU, KARNAK.
I REQUIRE ALL HANDS, BLACKAGAR. WE MUST BE GONE FROM HERE AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN.
WHY DO YOU NEED THEM?
WE STILL HAVE A MISSION TO COMPLETE, DON'T WE? THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THE WARZONE.
RESPECTFULLY, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD LEAVE THE JOKES TO MURDOCH.

AURAN ESCAPED. SHE CERTAINLY WENT STRAIGHT TO NEW ATTILAN. MEDUSA IS UNDOUBTEDLY ON HER WAY HERE WITH AN ASSAULT SQUAD.
TRUE, BUT WE CAUGHT THE OTHER SPY BEFORE SHE COULD MAKE CONTACT WITH AURAN.
THE QUIET ROOM SHUTS DOWN ALL TRANSMISSIONS, INCOMING OR OUTGOING. THE SHAPE-CHANGER COULDN'T HAVE PASSED ALONG ANY INFORMATION. THE WARZONE MISSION IS STILL SECURE.
CAN YOU BE CERTAIN? WE STILL HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THE G-MAN. WHAT IF HE TALKED?
I AM CERTAIN THAT ONCE WE ABANDON THE QUIET ROOM, WE'LL LOSE ACCESS TO THE ELDRAC NETWORK. WE MAY NEVER GET IT BACK.
IF WE DON'T ACT NOW, THEN THE PEOPLE WE'RE TRYING TO HELP WILL DIE.
WHO ARE WE TO PUT OUR LIVES ABOVE THE ONES WE ARE TRYING TO SAVE?
ISN'T RISKING OUR LIVES THE ENTIRE POINT OF THIS RESISTANCE?
I'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS WITH HIM, KARNAK. HE'S GOING. I'M TO STAY HERE AND HELP YOU GET EVERYONE TO THE NEW HEADQUARTERS. HE'LL MEET US THERE WITH HIS TEAM ONCE HE'S DONE.
I SEE. AND WHAT OF OUR... GUEST FROM NEW ATTILAN? KAMALA KHAN?
BRING HER. SHE WILL REMAIN OUR PRISONER, FOR THE TIME BEING. PERHAPS WE CAN EXCHANGE HER FOR THE G-MAN, OR USE HER TO EXTRACT SOME OTHER LEVERAGE.
VERY WELL, BLACK BOLT. IT WILL BE DONE.

WE'LL BE DROPPING INTO NEW MARS, JUST NORTH OF A BORDER DEFENSE POST FOR THE WARZONE. IT'S PART OF THE BLOCKADE MAINTAINED BY THE IRON AGAINST THE BLUE.
OUR INTELLIGENCE SUGGESTS THE POST IS LIGHTLY MANNED. IT'S OUR BEST OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK THROUGH THAT BORDER AND DELIVER THESE MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THE BLUE.
QUESTIONS?
JUST ONE.
IS THE RESISTANCE OVER? HAVE WE LOST?
NO, TRITON. THE ONLY WAY FOR US TO LOSE...
KZZZACK
...WOULD BE IF WE FAILED TO STEP THROUGH THIS GATE.

NEW MARS,
JUST OUTSIDE THE WARZONE BORDER.
I'M DETECTING INCOMING ELDRAC NETWORK ENERGY, QUEEN MEDUSA.
EXCELLENT. JUST WHERE WE EXPECTED THEM. OUR INFORMATION IS GOOD.
READY THE TROOPS.
THIS SHOULD ALL BE OVER QUICKLY.

QUICKLY NOW, LADS! THROUGH THE GATE--WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TI--
THOOM
KARNAK! YOU ALL RIGHT, THEN? WHATEVER JUST HAPPENED'S LEFT ME A BIT--
--OH. OH, MERCY.
SAY, JUST A LITTLE BIT AGO...

...DID SOMEONE SAY SOMETHING ABOUT A *LAST STAND?*
TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT: NO SECRET'S SAFE.